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# BELMORE HOUSE

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Belmore House offers an added dimension to the campus life of a student. Begun in 1969 by the Loyola Campus Ministry, Belmore House is a center for students who are seeking a fuller and richer university experience. It exists as a focus for students who feel that moral concern, social responsibility, spiritual values and brotherhood are important and should not be ignored.

**Belmore House is a complete experience.** We at Belmore realize that the needs of students are varied and different. We have a programme of activities and services designed to meet a wide range of personal needs.

**Finding yourself.** If you need to find yourself and your relationship to the nature of things, we can help. Belmore House is a place where you can drop-in to talk, visit, study, reflect or just plain relax. It's informal and there are places where you can be alone. If you need to talk to someone about personal or spiritual problems, we have a full-time religious staff of priests and a sister ready to listen.

**Social awareness and involvement.** Belmore House is active — responding to those who come and reaching out to those in society who are defenceless and unrepresented. If you're a student who is interested in social activism, there are many activities to get involved in. There is Cesar Chavez and the grape and lettuce boycott, an on-going cam-

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paign which includes teach-ins and picketing. We are involved on the local level with the NDG Action Committee and on our campus with foreign students. Another area of activity is the issue of political prisoners, people who have been imprisoned for reasons of conscience. We also have "shared suppers" as well as "shared hungers" with participants such as Jean Vanier, Lanzo del Vasto, and the Berrigan Brothers.

**Meeting people and making friends.** Belmore House is an old house with a comfortable homey atmosphere. It's a relaxing place where it's easy to meet people. And whatever the season, there are a host of activities and events to enjoy the year around from skiing and camping to hiking and intramural sports.

**Celebrating life.** An important element of life at Belmore House is the freedom to express spiritual and religious feelings through sharing, liturgy, folksinging, and prayer. We also organize retreats. Every noon and Sundays we celebrate the routine as well as the special moments of life.

The philosophy of Belmore House is that we feel that all of our activities and events are open to the religious and spiritual dimension of life. Students are encouraged to experience this dimension in their lives. Belmore functions as an outlet for this experience. It is a house for students and students have a share in running it.

Come and see us...

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